

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

COUNTY JUDGES AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE— FILLING VACANCIES

H. J. R. No. 30

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Texas to require that vacancies in the office of County Judge and Justices of the Peace be filled by the Commissioners Court only until the next General Election.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. Section 28 of Article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Texas is hereby amended so as hereafter to read as follows:

"Section 28. Vacancies In Offices Of Judges Of Superior Courts To Be Filled By The Governor.

"Vacancies in the office of judges of the Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeals, the Court of Civil Appeals and the District Courts shall be filled by the Governor until the next succeeding General Election; and vacancies in the office of County Judge and Justices of the Peace shall be filled by the Commissioners Court until the next succeeding General Election."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1958, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment providing that vacancies in the office of County Judge and Justices of the Peace shall be filled by the Commissioners Court only until the next General Election."

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment providing that vacancies in the office of County Judge and Justices of the Peace shall be filled by the Commissioners Court only until the next General Election."

If it appears from the returns of said election that a majority of the votes have been cast in favor of said amendment, same shall become a part of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

Sec. 3. The Governor of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for the election herein provided for and shall cause this proposed amendment to be published in the manner required by law and shall cause said election to be held as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

Adopted by the House, April 23, 1957: Yeas 124, Nays 7; passed by the Senate, May 13, 1957: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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